Representations for allotment of property in Secunderabad Cantonment

3932. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of representations are pending with Ministry of Defence regarding allotment of land and property in Secunderabad Cantonment;

(b) if so, the number of such representations; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to resolve this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

Ex-gratia payment to World War-II Veterans

3933. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1943 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th December, 1993 and state :

(a) whether the recommendations of the Committee to examine ex-gratia payments to World War II veterans have been processed and a decision has been taken thereon; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Offer for Upgradation of MIG 21

3934. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has received offers from Russia, U.S. Companies and Israel for upgradation of MIG 21;

(b) if so, what are the terms and conditions of each offer; and

(c) by when a final decision is likely to be taken, if not already taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (c) Offers for upgradation of MIG 21 BIS Aircraft, both solicited and unsolicited have been received from Russian, Israeli, French and British manufacturers/vendors. These are under scrutiny. Discussion with team of Russian specialists and Western vendors is in progress.

Launching of Agni-III

3935. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what were the salient features of the Agni-III which was launched successfully on February 19, 1994 and the precision with which different stages of the launch were performed, in the context of the desired objectives;

(b) what were the precise objectives sougt to be achived thereby; and

(c) what stage in the Agni-series does it represent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) AGNI-III launched on 19th Feb. 94 was configured for longer range and re-entry manoeuvre. The flight system worked successfully and all mission objectives were fully achieved.

(c) With the launch of 'AGNI-III', 'AGNI' project is successfully completed.

Use of Defence Forces in Internal Civilian affairs

3936. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI :
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the adverse reactions in the press as well as among informed circles about the excessive use of defence forces in internal civilian affairs; and

(b) if so, whether Government have formulated any policy guideline in this regard ; if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) It has always been policy of the Government to minimise use of the Armed Forces in "aid to civil authorities" role. The State Governments have been advised that the Armed Forces may be requisitioned as a last resort; after the local police/para military forces and other State Government agencies have been deployed and when they do not prove to be adequate to control the situation.

Reported indiscipline among army personnel

3937. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI :
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have considered the implications of the incidents in which army personnel have been found to be involved in acts of mass indiscipline and if so, whether Government have identified the reasons of each incident during the last one year and what are the details thereof; and

(b) what corrective measures Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) Service personnels normally live in complete harmony with the civilian population. The acts of indiscipline are rare and exceptional. Each incident involving clashe between Army personnels and civilians is investigated and appropriate action as warranted by the findings of the Inquiry is taken.

MOU between Computervision corporation of U.S.A. and the ADA

3938. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the Computervision Corporation of U.S.A. and the Aeronautical Development Agency of the country during last week of March, 1994;

(b) if so, the details thereof, with the objectives behind this MOU;

(c) whether the country will be benefited by this MOU in any way ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Memeorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed between M/s Computer Vision (CV) Corporation of USA and Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) covers the following objectives :—

(i) CV, USA will market software developed by ADA,

(ii) CV, USA agrees to assign to ADA tasks related to software R&D for the agreed CV product range, and

(iii) ADA agrees to provide technical support for CV software.

The MOU is initially valid for a period of 3 years. Separate contracts are to be finalised on the above areas.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The following benefits are expected to accrue from this MOU :—

(i) A very good marketing outlet for DRDO/ADA software at international level,

(ii) The integration of special application software packages of DRDO/ADA and widely used CAD software of CV are expected to meet international demand in aerospace and allied fields thereby generating substantial revenue. and

(iii) This will strengthen our own capability in areas like software development, software quality assurance, software configuration control and software documentation etc.

रोहतांग दर्रे में सुरंग बनाए जाने की संभावना पर प्रतिवेदन

3939. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह :** क्या प्रधान मंत्री 16 दिसम्बर, 1993 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 1960 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या हिमाचल प्रदेश स्थित रोहतांग दर्रे में मैसर्स रेल इंडिया टेक्नीकल एण्ड इकनामिक सर्विसेज लिमिटेड (राइट्स) द्वारा सूरंग का निर्माण किए जाने की संभावना संबंधी अध्ययन के पहले चरण का काम पूरा हो चुका है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कब और यदि नहीं तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) इस सूरंग के निर्माण के संबंध में अब तक कितनी धनराशि खर्च की जा चुकी है और यह राशि किन-किन मदों पर खर्च की गई है ?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) और ((ख) जी, नहीं । मैसर्स रेल इंडिया टैक्नीकल एण्ड इकनामिक सर्विसेज लिमिटेड (राइट्स) ने आंकड़ों का विश्लेषण संबंधी कार्य पूरा कर लिया है और उनके संकलन के बाद मई, 1994 के अंत तक चरण-1 के कार्य की रिपोर्ट प्राप्त होने की आशा है ।

(ग) इस सुरंग के निर्माण-कार्य पर अभी तक कोई व्यय नहीं किया गया है । तथापि, व्यवहार्यता अध्ययन से संबंधित कार्य की विभिन्न मदों पर 31-3-94 तक किया गया अनुमानित व्यय इस प्रकार है :—

(लाख रुपयों में)

(1) रोहतांग सुरंग के व्यवहार्यता अध्ययन पर . .	96.81
(2) दक्षिणी प्रवेश द्वार तक जाने वाली सड़क के निर्माण पर .	220.81
(3) उत्तरी प्रवेश द्वार तक जाने वाली सड़क के निर्माण पर .	80.69
(4) बोर होल्स तक आने-जाने वाले मार्ग के निर्माण पर .	37.55
कुल	435.68